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**Remarks**

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that Claims 4, 11, 16, 21, and 22 are allowed. Applicants also note with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that Claims 3, 10 and 15 are directed to allowable subject matter. Claims 3, 10 and 15 are amended to put them into independent form. Therefore, Claims 3, 10 and 15 and their progeny are believed allowable. Claims 1-2, 8-9, 13-14, 18, 20 and 26 are canceled without prejudice and to expedite allowance of this application. Claims 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 17, 23-25 have been amended to depend on an allowable base claim and are therefore allowable. Claim 19 is amended to correspond with the limitations of allowed Claim 3. Reconsideration of the above referenced application in view of the enclosed amendment and remarks is requested. Existing Claims 3, 4-7, 10-12, 15-17, 19 and 21-25 remain in the application.

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### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Existing Claims 3, 4-7, 10-12, 15-17, 19 and 21-25 remain in the application and are all in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 633-6845. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Please charge any shortage of fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 02-2666 and please credit any excess fees to such account.

Respectfully submitted,

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